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Dear Judge Abrams:

We represent Plaintiff in the above-titled action. On February 22, 2021, Plaintiff moved for leave to proceed anonymously and to maintain the confidentiality of certain Defendants identified by pseudonyms in the publicly filed complaint. The Court granted Plaintiff's motion on February 24, 2021 (Order on Pl.'s Mot. for Leave to Proceed Anon., *Smith v. Annucci*, No. 21-mc-199 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 24, 2021), ECF No. 3).

For the same reasons set forth in Plaintiff's motion to proceed anonymously, Plaintiff respectfully requests permission for the Clerk to issue summonses for the anonymous defendants, by their true names, under seal.

Very truly yours,



David M. Stuart

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